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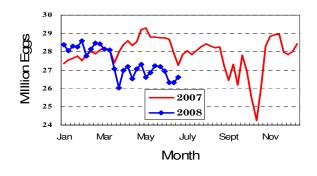
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Arkansas Chick Placements Down 11 Percent from Last Year

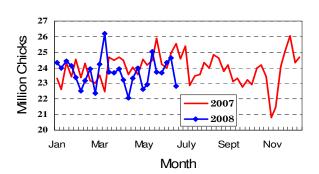
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 22.8 million during the week ending June 28, 2008. Placements were down 11 percent from the comparable week in 2007, and down 7 percent from the previous week.

Arkansas hatcheries set 26.6 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending June 28, 2008, down 2 percent from the same period last year, but up 1 percent from the previous week.

Eggs Set In Arkansas, 2007-2008



Chicks Placed In Arkansas, 2007-2008



Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, May 31, 2008 - June 28, 2008

State	Eggs Set Week Ending					Chicks Placed Week Ending				
		Thousand					Thousand			
Alabama	32,731	32,740	31,511	31,350	29,705	21,497	22,140	22,327	22,049	21,866
Arkansas	27,203	26,918	26,331	26,337	26,609	23,748	23,671	24,314	24,638 *	22,806
Delaware	3,721	3,718	3,630	3,647	3,495	5,206	5,127	4,521	4,675 *	4,982
Florida	1,346	1,356 *	1,341	1,341	1,346	1,383	1,146	1,136	1,224	1,216
Georgia	34,121	34,119	34,260	34,353	33,955	28,993	29,052	28,012	28,951	29,261
Kentucky	8,194 *	8,171	7,568	7,713 *	7,461	6,071	6,492	6,902 *	6,441 *	6,850
Louisiana	3,620	3,651	3,642	3,651	3,651	3,683	3,794	3,742	3,755	3,632
Maryland	8,601	8,976	8,236	9,164	8,596	5,602	5,939	6,308	6,502 *	6,358
Mississippi	18,981	19,074	18,930	18,761	18,624	17,259	17,348	17,262	17,186	17,283
N. Carolina	19,359	19,169 *	19,108	19,089	18,949	16,076	16,047	16,010	15,617	16,328
Oklahoma	7,191	7,270 *	7,216	6,987	7,240	4,608	4,801 *	4,917	3,810	5,109
Pennsylvania	4,592	4,474	4,539	4,550 *	4,581	3,191	3,278	3,414	3,373 *	3,314
S. Carolina	5,490	5,769	5,260	5,317	5,539	4,756	4,726	5,494	5,220	4,031
Texas	15,690	15,778	15,899	15,920	15,778	12,416	12,990	13,149	13,193	12,990
Virginia	6,242	6,199	6,476	6,315	6,306	4,858	5,202	5,287	4,911	4,440
CA,MO,TN & WV	19,840	20,058	19,707 *	19,592 *	19,171	17,659	18,141	16,595 *	17,773 *	18,146
19 State Total	216,922 *	217,440 *	213,654 *	214,087 *	211,006	177,006	179,894 *	179,390 *	179,318 *	178,612
Prev. Year Total	218,990	219,184	217,590	216,287	210,141	180,055	180,462	179,754	180,026	178,938
% of Prev. Year	99	99	98	99	100	98	100	100	100	100

^{*} Revised in current week.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 211 million eggs in incubators during the week ending June 28, 2008. This was up slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Down Slightly

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 179 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 28, 2008. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through June 28, 2008 were 4.64 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.